

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-2202  
January 26, 2011

The Hon. Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, Southwest  
Washington, D.C. 20554-0005

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Regarding the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (10-203) relating to Travelers Information Stations

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

In response to concerns raised by public safety agencies that are finding it difficult to directly and reliably reach citizens with emergency information, I am submitting the following for comment on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (10-203).

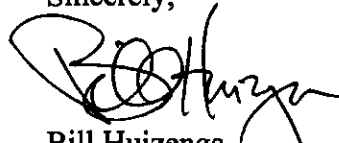
Some 1,500 Travelers Information Stations (TIS) currently operate nationwide, including in such key Michigan locations as the Mackinac Bridge, Detroit Metro Airport and Detroit's international bridge crossing.

The presence of this valuable public asset affords a key opportunity to present to the traveling public an array of safety information and aid in the protection of lives and property. Unfortunately, current FCC rules regarding these stations severely limit the public safety content allowed on the stations to only that which pertains to traffic and travel-related advisories.

Recognizing the critical importance of additional safety threats such as Amber Alerts, National Weather Service announcements, power outages and 9-1-1 outages, I strongly encourage the FCC to expand its current TIS rules to better adapt to the overall safety needs of our citizens.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comment. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Huizenga  
Member of Congress

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

March 29, 2011

The Honorable Bill Huizenga  
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Dear Congressman Huizenga:

Thank you for your comments supporting an expanded use of Travelers Information Stations (TIS) for public safety purposes. Your concerns about the limited range of public safety content allowed on TIS stations speaks to a central issue of this rulemaking proceeding, and I appreciate your thoughts on the matter. Commission staff has included your letter in the record of the proceeding.

The first round of comments was due on February 18, 2011, with reply comments due by March 7, 2011. I look forward to seeing the full range of commenter views on the proposed changes to Commission policy and rules governing the TIS.

I welcome your continued interest in this matter. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Julius Genachowski", is written over a horizontal line.

Julius Genachowski